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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS

1. AN EDITORIAL IN THE JUNE 1 "STATESMAN" PERCEIVES IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION "TO PRESS THE SOVIET UNION FOR A TEMPORARY BUT COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON BOTH MILITARY AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TESTS" A DESIRE TO SLOW THE US-SOVIET ARMS RACE AND TO DISSUADE OTHER COUNTRIES-INCLUDING INDIA-FROM PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. "WASHINGTON," THE PAPER REMARKS, "HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY CONVINCED THAT INDIA'S REFUSAL TO SIGN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OR ACCEPT 'FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS' HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY BOMB-MAKING AMBITION."

2. NOTING THAT "HOPES WERE APPARENTLY RAISED IN WASHINGTON" BY PM DESAI'S MENTION OF A CTB AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR ANY CHANGE IN THE INDIAN STAND, THE EDITORIAL PREDICTS THAT THE US WILL DRAW DESAI'S ATTENTION TO ITS TEST BAN INITIATIVE DURING THE PM'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IN THE OPINION OF THE "STATESMAN" "IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSED BAN CAN MAKE NO

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DIFFERENCE TO THE INDIAN POSITION" BECAUSE (A) THE BAN WOULD ONLY BE TEMPORARY, (B) BOTH THE US AND THE USSR CAN AFFORD TO STOP TESTING FOR A FEW YEARS AFTER HAVING "VIRTUALLY ATTAINED THE THEORETICAL MAXIMUM IN NUCLEAR WARHEAD DESIGN", (C) FRANCE AND CHINA WOULD CONTINUE TESTS, AND (D) THE US AND THE USSR WOULD CONTINUE EXPERIMENTS ON MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS,

SUCH AS THE NEUTRON BOMB, AND IMPROVED DELIVERY
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